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Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention

LRP

Leadership Recognition Program

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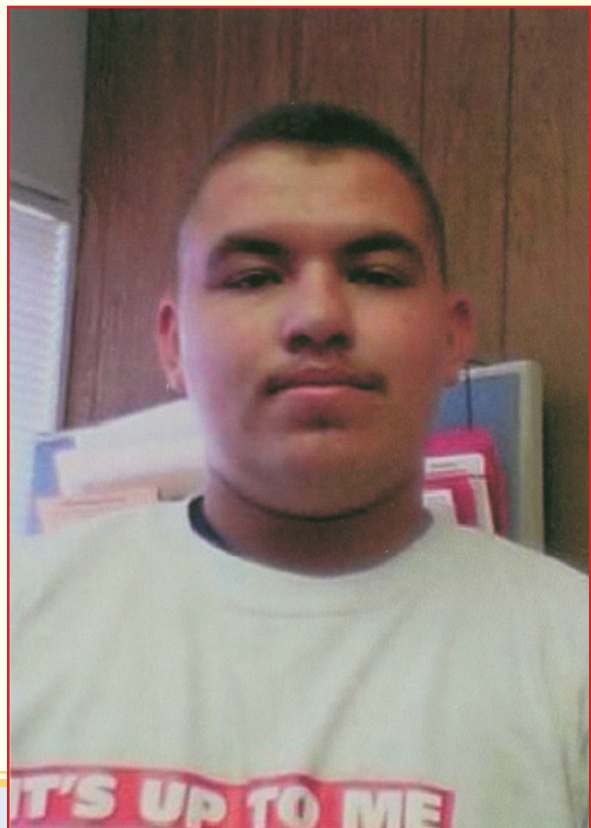
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Individuals shown in this brochure are awardees of the Health Professions Education Foundation.



About the Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention - Leadership Recognition Program

The Youth for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention - Leadership Recognition Program (YAPP-LRP) is funded by The California Wellness Foundation and is administered by the Health Professions Education Foundation (the Foundation).

The purpose of the YAPP-LRP is to identify and recognize California's youth, age 16 to 24, who are leaders in their communities by promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and teen pregnancy prevention.

Youth selected for this program will receive a scholarship award to assist them with the educational costs related to their health professions education. Scholarship funds are intended to pay for tuition/enrollment fees, books, supplies/equipment, or other expenses related to their health professions education.



Scholarship Amount & Payments Conditions

The total scholarship amount is \$25,000. This amount will be paid over a five-year period at \$5,000 per year. Half of this amount will be disbursed directly to the scholarship awardee, and the remaining half will be disbursed directly to the awardee's college financial aid office.

Scholarship payments are conditioned upon the following:

- 1) Good academic standing as defined by the awardee's college or university.

AND

- 2) Proof of enrollment, on a semester or quarterly basis, in a course of study leading to a health professions degree.

The awardee may continue to receive scholarship funding while he or she is pursuing a course of study leading to a health professions degree. If the awardee completes his or her health professions degree before the five year payment period has ended, then any unused scholarship moneys will be redeposited back into the scholarship fund.



Program Eligibility

The YAPP-LRP scholarship is available only to California residents. Applications for this program will be accepted on an annual basis. Applications must be postmarked by the stated deadlines.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a US citizen or permanent resident.
- Be at least 16 years old but not older than 24 by the application postmark deadline.
- Possess a high school diploma or GED.
- Attend an accredited California vocational school, college or university.
- Maintain at least 6 units each semester or quarter until completion of the health professions education program. Applicants who are not currently enrolled in a health professions education program must:
 - 1) Plan to pursue a health professions degree, AND
 - 2) Be in the process of completing prerequisite or general education course work related to a health professional degree. (See page 6)
- Within a six-month period following graduation from a health professions education program, begin the service obligation to practice full-time direct patient care in a medically underserved areas (MUA).

Applicants are encouraged to review the information on MUAs and facilities before applying for this scholarship by:

- 1) Calling the Foundation at (800) 773-1669 or (916) 324-6500.
OR
- 2) Visiting the Foundation web site at www.healthprofessions.ca.gov. Click on MUA Facilities or MUA Census Tract Listing to view information that will help you determine whether a facility of interest qualifies.

Health Professions Education Programs

To be eligible for the YAPP-LRP scholarship, applicants must plan to pursue a health professions degree.

YAPP-LRP scholarship funds may be used for the following health professions education programs:

Allied Health
Certified Nurse Midwife
Dental Hygiene
Dentistry
Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Licensed Vocational Nursing
Marriage and Family Therapy
Medical Imaging
Medical Laboratory Technology
Medicine
Nurse Practitioner
Occupational Therapy
Pharmacy
Pharmacy Technician
Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant
Psychology
Registered Nursing
Respiratory Care
Social Work
Surgical Technician
Ultrasound Technician

If your health professions education program is not listed, please contact the Foundation to see if your educational objective qualifies.

These health professions education programs are also supported by the Foundation through its other scholarship and loan repayment programs.



Evaluation Process

Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. Individuals applying for funding under the YAPP-LRP are evaluated in two phases:

- 1) Application review
- 2) Oral interview

Applicants with the top scores in the application review phase will advance to the oral interview phase.

All applications and oral interviews will be evaluated by the Foundation and the YAPP-LRP Advisory Committee (the Committee). The Committee consists of members who have expertise in the areas of healthy adolescent sexuality and teen pregnancy prevention.

- **Application Review**

Applications are accepted on an annual basis. Applications must be postmarked by the stated deadline. Applications will not be accepted after the postmark deadline. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

Only complete application packages will be reviewed. The Foundation will not notify applicants if their application is received incomplete. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Foundation at (800) 773-1669 prior to the postmark deadline to verify if their application was received complete.

- **Oral Interview**

The Foundation will conduct an oral interview at the applicant's place of employment, residence, or other location as determined by the applicant. The oral interview will be tape recorded.

The purpose of the oral interview is to obtain the applicant's direct responses to a series of patterned questions. The applicant's responses will not be timed. However, applicants must answer as many questions as possible within 1 hour.

Scores from both the Application Review and Oral Interview phases will be combined to render the applicant's final overall score. Applicants with the top overall scores will be awarded the YAPP-LRP scholarship.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following evaluation criteria:

- **Paid/Volunteer Experience**

Applicants will be evaluated based on their paid and/or volunteer experience in promoting healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention, including access to family planning services.

- **Career Goals**

Applicants will be evaluated based on their short- and long-term health professional career goals.

- **Knowledge of Issues**

Applicants will be evaluated based on their knowledge of healthy adolescent sexuality and/or teen pregnancy prevention issues.

- **Personal Background**

Applicants will be evaluated based on any disadvantages/barriers they may have faced and how they overcame them.

- **Nomination Form**

Applicants will be evaluated based on any personal attributes that would make them an especially strong candidate for the YAPP-LRP scholarship.

The following personal attributes will be considered: 1) academic achievement, 2) leadership skills, 3) potential for playing a leadership role in healthcare or addressing healthy adolescent sexuality/teen pregnancy prevention, and 4) personal/inner strength.

- **Academic Performance**

Applicants will be evaluated based on their cumulative academic performance.

- **Financial Need**

Applicants will be evaluated based on their actual or potential difficulty in completing a health professions education in the absence of scholarship funding.

How to apply

Individuals applying to the YAPP-LRP are encouraged to follow these next two steps.

Step 1

Review the program eligibility requirements and application instructions.

Applicants are also encouraged to work with their academic advisor, teacher, counselor, or financial aid officer when completing this form.

Step 2

Submit the complete application package by the postmark deadline.

Applications will be reviewed and scored based solely on information submitted in the application package. Only complete application packages will be considered for review. The complete application package consists of the following:

- **YAPP-LRP Scholarship Application, Parts A - E**
Applicants must complete each part of the scholarship application.
- **Paid/Volunteer Experience Verification Form**
This form must be completed by the applicant's supervisor or volunteer coordinator.
- **Personal Statements 1 - 6**
Applicants must review each personal statement carefully and provide direct, clear, and concise responses.
- **Nomination Form**
This form must be completed by an individual who has had significant interaction with the applicant and who could comment on the applicant's personal attributes that would make him/her an especially strong candidate for the YAPP-LRP.

Individuals who may complete the form include the following: academic advisor, mentor, educator, counselor, etc. Self-stated nominations will not be considered.

How to apply continued

- **Official Transcript**

Applicants must submit an official college transcript. Applicants who are not currently enrolled in college must submit an official high school or GED transcript.

- **Student Aid Report (SAR) or Federal Tax Return with W2s**

Applicants must submit at least one of the following documents:

- 1) Official Student Aid Report (SAR) generated by the U.S. Department of Education or college financial aid office,
OR
- 2) Complete federal tax return with W2s. The tax return must be signed and filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the accuracy and completeness of all documents submitted in the application package. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Foundation office at (800) 773-1669 or (916) 324-6500 to discuss any questions regarding the eligibility and/or application requirements before submitting an application.

Application Postmark Deadlines: November 4, 2004
November 4, 2005

Notification of results

All applicants will be notified in writing of their application results within eight weeks of the application postmark deadline.

Applicants who proceed to the Oral Interview Phase will be notified in writing of their final results within eight weeks after the Oral Interview.

Individuals who are awarded the YAPP-LRP scholarship will be presented with their award at the annual awards ceremony.



Awards Ceremony

The annual awards ceremony will be held at the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative Conference (TPPI), hosted by The California Wellness Foundation. Past YAPP-LRP awardees will also be encouraged to attend the awards ceremony and to support current awardees at the annual awards ceremony.

The Foundation will provide travel and one night hotel accommodation for the awardee and one guest.

Alumni Network

YAPP-LRP awardees will also have the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills through participation in the Alumni Network. The Foundation will facilitate the Alumni Network the afternoon prior to the TPPI Conference.

The Alumni Network will include a seminar which will feature leadership development training, Q & A panel, and motivational speakers.

The purpose of the Alumni Network is to allow the scholars to meet and greet, provide peer-to-peer support, and network with other scholarship awardees.



Questions & Answers

Q: If awarded, how long do I have to find a job in a medically underserved area (MUA)?

a: Awardees must begin their Service Obligation within six months of completing their health professions program.

Q: Does the Foundation assist with job placement in a MUA or facility?

a: The Foundation is unable to assist with job placement. However, the Foundation will provide upon request a partial listing of facilities that are in MUA's.

Q: How soon after the postmark deadline will the Foundation notify me?

a: Applicants will be notified in writing within eight weeks of the postmark deadline.

Q: May I be awarded the YAPP-LRP scholarship more than once?

a: No. Unlike other Foundation programs, applicants may be awarded the YAPP-LRP scholarship only once.

Q: If I am a current awardee of another Foundation scholarship or loan repayment program, may I apply for the YAPP-LRP scholarship?

a: No. Current Foundation awardees are not eligible to apply for the YAPP-LRP scholarship.

Q: What if I accept employment that is not in a California MUA?

a: Awardees who are unsuccessful in completing the two-year Service Obligation in a medically underserved area or facility will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.

Q: What if I become unable to complete my health professions education?

a: Awardees who are unsuccessful in completing the health professions education will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.

Q: May I request an extension if I cannot obtain all required documents by the postmark deadline?

a: No. Extensions will not be granted. Applicants who are unable to submit an application and supporting documentation by the postmark deadline may apply during the next filing period.

Q: If I am unsuccessful in getting the award this year, will my application automatically be held over to the next filing period?

a: No. Applicants who are unsuccessful in getting an award during the current filing period must file a new, complete application by the next filing period.

Q: May I apply now if I am not yet 18 and not a high school graduate or I do not have high school equivalency/GED, but I have the required work or community service experience?

a: Yes. Applicants under age 18 who have not graduated high school or do not have high school equivalency or a GED may apply. However, if awarded, these applicants must graduate high school or possess high school equivalency/GED before scholarships funds are paid.

Q: May I apply now if I do not know what health professional program I am going to study or what school I am going to attend?

a: Yes, however, before scholarship funds may be paid, all YAPP-LRP scholarship awardees must provide verification of enrollment in a health professions education program in California.

Q: If I am awarded this scholarship, will this reduce my other financial aid awards?

a: Applicants should consult with their financial aid or scholarship office to determine how or whether receiving this scholarship funds will effect any other financial aid awards.

Q: What if I am under 18, but I am an emancipated minor?

a: Emancipated minors (under age 18) must provide a copy of the emancipation documentation from the court, along with the application.

Q: May I apply for the YAPP-LRP if I am a ward of a court/ under court supervision, or in foster care?

a: Yes, however, these applicants must obtain the legal guardian's signature on the application. For all applicants who are under age 18 at the time of award, the legal guardian will be required to sign all contractual documents on behalf of the applicant, and to accompany the applicant to the awards ceremony.

Q: May I call the Foundation to ask questions before I file my application or to inquire on the status of my application after I have submitted it?

a: Yes. Applicants are encouraged to call the Foundation prior to submitting an application to ensure that all eligibility and application requirements are met. Applicants may phone the Foundation at (800) 773-1669 to inquire on the status of the application— whether it was received and was complete.

Q: If awarded this scholarship, will I be required to report the funds on my state and federal taxes?

a: Applicants should consult with their tax advisor to determine whether this scholarship must be reported to the state Franchise Tax Board and to the Internal Revenue Service.

About the Foundation

Origins

*T*he Health Professions Education Foundation (the Foundation) is a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit, public benefit corporation. The Foundation was established in 1987 to award scholarships to health professional students and loan repayment grants to practicing health professionals.

Our Mission

*T*he mission of the Foundation is to improve access to healthcare in California's underserved areas by awarding health professionals who are dedicated to practicing in underserved areas.

Accomplishments

*S*ince 1990, the Foundation has awarded scholarships and loan repayments totaling over \$9.3 million. These awards have helped over 1,500 health professional students and practicing health professionals fulfill their dream of pursuing a career in the health professions while serving in an underserved area.

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